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JUNE 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MURREY MARDER AND DAN MORGAN REPORT THAT YOU VIGOROUSLY DENIED CHARGES THAT LOOPHOLES WERE PRESENT IN THE 1972 NUCLEAR ARMS ACCORD WITH THE SOVIET UNION. SENATOR JACKSON CONTENDS THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER LOOPHOLES EXISTED, BUT THE WITHHOLDING FROM CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. (A-1)
MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT NITZE'S MAJOR REASON FOR RESIGNING WAS THE FAILURE OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO TRUST ITS SENIOR OFFICIALS IN CARRYING OUT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. (A-1)
ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED THREE ARAB TERRORISTS WHO SEIZED AN APARTMENT BUILDING LAST NIGHT IN THE RESORT TOWN OF NAHARIYA. THREE ISRAELI CIVILIANS AND AN ISRAELI SOLDIER WERE KILLED DURING THE SIEGE. (A-1)
CARROLL KILPATRICK SEES THE EMPHASIS OF THE MOSCOW SUMMIT BEING THE MOVEMENT TOWARD A SALT II AGREEMENT AND NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES. (A-4)
ROBERT KAISER REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SEEK SOME SORT OF DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WOULD OFFER SOME GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. (A-4)
SAKHAROV, IN AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV, WARNED THAT THE SUMMIT WILL BE CONDEMNED BY FUTURE GENERATIONS IF THE SPIRIT OF THE UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT ADDRESSED. (A-4)
PAKISTAN DECLARED THAT INDIA HAS ENOUGH PLUTONIUM TO MAKE 17 NUCLEAR BOMBS AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY CANADA. (A-15)
THE SHAH OF IRAN DENIED THAT HE IS SEEKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, STATING THAT THE IDEA OF EVERY LITTLE COUNTRY ARMING ITSELF WITH NUKES WOULD BE RIDICULOUS. (A-14)
THE LEAD EDITORIAL COMPLIMENTS YOU ON YOUR RESPONSE TO SENATOR JACKSON'S CHARGES OF A SECRET AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. YOUR REPLY REMOVED A "DARK AND DANGEROUS CLOUD" FROM THE ADMINISTRATION'S DIPLOMACY.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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YOU SAID THAT THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE HOPING TO ANNOUNCE AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR A LIMITATION ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS AT THE MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY PRESIDENT NIXON FKD LEONID BREZHNEV. YOU REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID YOU WERE UNCERTAIN HOW MUCH HEADWAY WOULD BE MADE TOWARD ANOTHER ACCORD LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. (A-1)

GWERTZMAN NOTED THAT HALF OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE WAS TAKEN UP BY A DETAILED REBUTTAL BY YOU OF REPORTS THAT YOU NEGOTIATED SECRET ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MISSILE LIMITATION AGREEMENT OF 1972 BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. (A-1)

LESLIE GELB REPORTS THAT SENATOR HENRY JACKSON CONTINUED TO TAKE ISSUE WITH YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT, AND THAT YOUR DEBATE WITH THE SENATOR IS BECOMING HEATED. (A-14)

PRIME MINISTER WILSON ANNOUNCED THAT BRITAIN'S FIRST NUCLEAR BOMB TEST IN NINE YEARS WAS CARRIED OUT "A FEW WEEKS AGO" IN NEVADA. HIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAUSED DISMAY AND ANGER IN THE LEFT WING OF HIS LABOR PARTY. (A-1)

A.N. SPANEL, FOUNDER OF INTERNATIONAL PLAYTEX CORPORATION, HAS REPRINTED THE SYNDICATED ARTICLE FROM THE WASHINGTON POST OF JUNE 21 BY JOSEPH ALSOP ENTITLED "THE HOUNDING OF DR. KISSINGER" IN A 1/3 PAGE AD. (A-8)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

DEAN MILLS GIVES A FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE, WHERE YOU GAVE A DETAILED REBUTTAL TO CHARGES MADE BY SENATOR JACKSON. (A-1)

IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, MILLS GIVES AN ANALYSIS OF U.S.-USSR DETENTE. MILLS SAYS SENATOR JACKSON VIEWS DETENTE AS AN ILLUSION AND FOR THAT ILLUSION HE ARGUES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE PAYING DEARLY -- AND STAND TO PAY EVEN MORE AT THE NEXT SUMMIT IN MOSCOW. MILLS THEN OUTLINES THE THREE PRINCIPLE ISSUES OF DETENTE: ARMS LIMITATIONS, TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGES, AND JEWISH EMIGRATION.

MILLS CONCLUDES THAT THE ARGUMENT ABOUT DETENTE, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS, NAIVELY ASSUMES THAT IT WAS MEANT TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN IT IS. THESE OFFICIALS SAY IT IS STILL CLEARLY AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP. BUT NOW WE ARE ABLE TO DEAL WITH EACH OTHER AS RATIONAL ADVERSARIES. (A-2)

EGYPT'S SEMIOFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, AL-AHRAM, SAYS ANOTHER CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL COULD ESCALATE INTO NUCLEAR WAR. (A-4)

JOSEPH KRAFT SAYS THE REASON THERE WAS CONFUSION AND AMBIGUITY ABOUT A KEY CLAUSE IN THE 1972 AGREEMENT IS THAT YOU KEPT THESE HIGHLY COMPLEX MATTERS TO YOURSELF AND EVERYBODY, INCLUDING CONGRESS, THE EXPERTS, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WAS LEFT IN THE DARK. KRAFT SAYS YOU HAVE TOO MANY SECRETS. HE SAYS THE TRUE LESSON IS THAT YOU AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE TO REMIND YOURSELVES OF A FEW BASICS IN CIVICS. FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE U.S. IS A DEMOCRACY.

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THE BUREAUCRACY IS FULL OF LOYAL AMERICANS -- NOT ENEMIES; AND NOT EVEN YOU CAN KEEP WHAT THE WHOLE BUREAUCRACY KNOWS IN YOUR HEAD. (A-17)

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